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SUBJ: AFGHAN ELECTIONS

REF: KABUL 5035

1. USUALLY RELIABLE SOURCES IN SUPREME COURT AND PARLIAMENT HAVE TOLD EMBOFFS IN RECENT DAYS THAT PARLIAMENTARY ELECTIONS DEFINITELY WILL BE HELD THIS FALL. JUSTICE KARIMI AND COURT ADMINISTRATIVE OFFICER AZIZI TOLD CHARGE SEPARATELY JULY 11 THAT EXECUTIVE-JUDICIARY CONFLICT OVER ELECTION SUPERVISION HAS BEEN RESOLVED. FINAL ARRANGEMENTS FOR THE ELECTIONS, THEY SAID, WOULD BE CLARIFIED BY ROYAL DECREE (AMENDING THE ELECTORAL LAW) AFTER THE KING RETURNS TO KABUL. THE RESULT WOULD BE ONLY A SLIGHT DELAY OF PERHAPS WEEK OR SO IN HOLDING THE ELECTIONS.

2. SEVERAL LOWER HOUSE MP'S ALSO HAVE CONFIRMED THE ABOVE. ONE PRO-GOVERNMENT MP SAID THE DECREE CLARIFYING PROCEDURES AND DATES WOULD NOT BE MADE UNTIL ABOUT AUGUST 14, SINCE THE GOVERNMENT DESIRES TO HOLD TE LOWER HOUSE IN SESSION AS LONG AS POSSIBLE.

3. COMMENT: IF THE ABOVE CORRECT, THE CAMPAIGNING PERIOD WILL BE SEVERELY CURTAILED. ONE REASON MAY BE THAT THE GOVERNMENT WILL BE ABLE TO LIMIT THE NUMBER OF VIABLE CANDIDATES COMPETING FOR THE 216 HOUSE AND 28 SENATE SEATS, THUS ENSURING THE ELECTION OF SUPPORTERS AND PREVENTING UNKNOWNNS FROM GETTING LIMITED OFFICIAL USE

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IN. AN RGA SOURCE TOLD EMBOFF RECENTLY HE BELIEVED GOVERNMENT

WOULD SUPPORT RE-ELECTION OF ABOUT SEVENTY PERCENT OF CURRENT  
LOWER HOUSE MEMBERSHIP.  
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